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Mr. Kevin Martin, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

*Subject: Sacred Wind Communications, Inc., and Qwest Corporation, WC Docket No. 06-82, CC  
Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109*

Dear Chairman Martin:

The Navajo Nation constitutes the largest Tribal community in North America with over 200,000 members and sovereign lands encompassing over 25,000 square miles within the borders of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado. The Navajo people also have the least access to basic and advanced telecommunications services of any community in our country, which severely affects the Navajo people's access to emergency services, their communication with their children's school teachers and doctors, and their ability to pursue educational and economic opportunities that are found on the World Wide Web. We ask you for your assistance to improve telecommunications services for our people.

The FCC is now considering applications from Sacred Wind Communications Company for the delivery of services to the Navajo Nation over existing and newly constructed telecommunications networks. I have reviewed Sacred Wind's plans and I, on behalf of the Navajo Nation support them. Sacred Wind Communications is the only telephone company established to exclusively serve the Navajo people and supports the Navajo culture and our way of life. I strongly urge your support and your very best effort to provide Sacred Wind the resources it requires to accomplish what no other company has ventured to do.

The Navajo Nation intends to collaborate with Sacred Wind Communications to ensure that its goals of doubling basic telephone services to the Navajo people over the next five years, and of introducing high speed Internet services to very rural areas, are achieved. Your assistance is greatly needed.

Yours truly,

Joe Shirley, Jr., President  
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cc: FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
FCC Commissioner Michael Copps  
FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Mr. Gil Arviso, President, Sacred Wind Communications